

December 13, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05- 311.

Community media is becoming increasingly important during a time when national news corporations are becoming delegitimized. The best way to learn about an issue or problem is through the stories of people in your own neighborhood. Community is the bedrock to a functioning society and community media gives voice and vision to real stories. I am currently a freelance videographer and video editor working in Boston. I first learned how to edit and film at Fitchburg Access Television Station. Without that resource, I would have never had access to the professional equipment and programs that have led me to my own career path. I am currently connected to several community access television stations in the Boston area, including Newton Access Television, Cambridge Community Access Television, Boston Neighborhood Network, and Somerville Community Access. They all provide a space where community can gather, share stories, learn, and better themselves in a fast paced digital age. Then add your comments about why you think continued support of community media is important – describe how you use Somerville Media Center and how important it is in Somerville. I request urgently and respectfully your continued support of community media.

Thank you for your time,

Ellen Daoust